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File Code: 1950-1, 7700, 2370

Date: October 18, 2010

Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your involvement or expressed interest in the Designated Routes and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use (DRAMVU) travel planning process on the Nez Perce National Forest. You are receiving this letter to notify you that a Supplemental Draft EIS is now available for public comment.

The DRAMVU Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, including maps and project details, are available on the Nez Perce National Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperce> under NEPA projects, Nez Perce National Forest Travel Management Plan; or at the Supervisors Office, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, Idaho 83530. Copies are also available at: local libraries, Salmon River Ranger District in White Bird, Red River Ranger District in Elk City and Moose Creek Ranger District in Kooskia, Idaho.

The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the new information presented in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement prior to a decision being made by me. After reviewing comments on the Draft EIS it was determined to be necessary to take a more in depth look at: parking, access to dispersed camping, road and trail designations in wildlife habitat and the forest plan. In addition, two project-specific forest plan amendments are proposed, one for wildlife and one for Wall Creek municipal watershed. Since this new information has not been made available for public review or comment this supplement was prepared to provide the opportunity for public review and comment, and so that I may consider this information when I make my decision that will be documented in the Record of Decision.

The alternatives to parking, access to dispersed camping, road and trail designations, and forest plan amendments, presented in this SDEIS are considered supplemental action alternatives. These proposals respond to new issues identified through comments and the analysis process. The proposals presented in this document may be combined with any action alternative presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the decision. Proposals in this document improve the range of route designations considered for motorized use by me. This document provides the information necessary for me to make an informed choice between alternatives. The decision will be documented in a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 45 calendar days following the publication date of the legal notice in the *Lewiston Morning Tribune*. This publication date is expected to be October 22, 2010. Comments must be received by 4:30 pm, on the close of the comment period.



Please submit written comments to Rick Brazell, Forest Supervisor, Nez Perce National Forest, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, ID 83530. Facsimile comments may be submitted to (208) 983-4099. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments must be provided at the Nez Perce Forest Supervisor's office during normal business hours via telephone (208) 983-1950 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) which is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to comments-northern-nezperce@fs.fed.us. Comments must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments.

Appeal Eligibility

Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants after I make a decision. For appeal eligibility each individual or representative from each organization submitting substantive comments in response to this solicitation must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Further information on appeal eligibility can be found at 36 CFR 215.6.

I value your continued involvement throughout the planning process for this project. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me, Ralph Rau, Deputy Forest Supervisor or Jennie Fischer, Team Leader at (208) 983-1950.

I appreciate your interest in the management of your National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ralph Rau
For RICK BRAZELL
Forest Supervisor